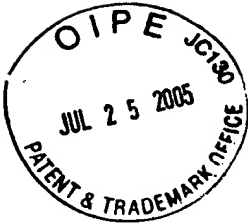


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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 20, 2005,
Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified
application be amended as follows.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of
claims beginning on page two of this paper.

Remarks begin on page nine of this paper.